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1. THE INTELLIGENCE CUT OFF DATE FOR THE AIR MA POWER FIGURES CONTAINED IN REFERENCE B IS 1 JANUARY 1974. THESE FIGURES REPRESENT ACTUAL STRENGTH ESTIMATES EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF US FIGURES WHICH REPRESENT AUTHORIZED STRENGTH (NEGLECTING DAY-TO-DAY VARIATIONS IN ACTUAL STRENGTH.)

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2. WE ARE TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THAT MBFR

DATA PUT FORWARD FOR NATO AGREEMENT WILL TRACK WITH OTHER
US SUBMISSIONS TO NATO, SPECIFICALLY, DPQ, MC 161/74,
MC224 AND THE NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE.

3. AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD TELL THE ALLIES THAT WE ARE
PREPARED TO ADJUST ALLIED AIR MANPOWER FIGURES IF MORE
TIMELY-AND ACCURATE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

4. WE BELIEVE THE CURRENT REVIEW CYCLE FOR ALLIED AND
PACT FORCE DATA WILL BEST BE SERVED BY UPDATING THE DATA
BASE USED IN MBFR NEGOTIATIONS SEMIANNUALLY IN JANUARY AND
JULY. A JANUARY UPDATE WOULD SERVE MC-161 AND COBAFC

CONFERENCES AND A JULY UPDATE WOULD SUPPORT MC-224 AND
COBAFC DELIBERATIONS. WE WILL MAINTAIN AN UP-TO-DATE DATA
BASE BUT WOULD ONLY REPORT CHANGES OTHER THAN SEMIANNUALLY
WHEN THEY WERE OF SUCH MAGNITUDE AS TO IMPACT ON MBFR/
NATO PLANNING. CONCURRENCE OF NATIONAL CAPITALS WOULD,
OF COURSE, BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO HAVE DATA USEFUL
TO THE NEGOTIATORS IN VIENNA. WE WOULD HOPE OTHER NATIONS
WOULD RESPOND SIMILARLY. KISSINGER

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